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State Assembly Bills	Subject	Status	MTC Position
AB 184 (Cogdill) Gross Polluting Vehicles	Expresses the intent of the Legislature to establish a pilot program to improve air quality by removing gross polluting vehicles from the roadways. (Introduced 1/24/05)	Assembly	
AB 189 (Horton) HOT Lanes: Demonstration Projects	Authorizes the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to conduct administer, and operate a value pricing and transit development program, known as a high occupancy toll (HOT) lane, on transportation corridors in San Diego County, under which single-occupant vehicles may use a designated HOV lane at certain times of day upon obtaining a permit and paying a fee. Expands the number of authorized SANDAG HOT lane demonstration projects from two to three. (Introduced, 1/26/05)	Assembly	
AB 267 (Daucher) State Transportation Improvement Program: Advance Expenditure of Local Funds	Extends the period of time prior to which a local agency may advance local funds for a State Transportation Improvement Program project from 12 months prior to anticipated allocation by the California Transportation Commission to 36 months. Provides that the change would be retroactive to include expenditures after July 1, 2004. (Introduced 2/8/05)	Assembly Transportation Committee	
AB 350 (Matthews) Jobs-Housing Opportunity Zones	Authorizes cities and counties to create infrastructure financing districts in jobs-housing opportunity zones, as defined, in order to adopt an infrastructure financing plan to finance public capital facilities. The districts would be designed to mitigate current and future imbalances of jobs and housing in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus. Creation of the district, as well as any bond issuances, would require approval by the district's landowners or voters. (Introduced 2/10/05)	Assembly	
AB 426 (Bogh) High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes: Conversion to Part-time	Requires the Department of Transportation and local agencies to convert all high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes that currently operate on a 24-hour basis into part-time HOV lanes that operate as mixed-flow lanes except during peak periods, subject to any required approvals of the federal government. (Introduced 2/15/05)	Assembly	

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AB 435 (Liu) Paratransit Vehicles: Registration Fee Exemption	Exempts paratransit vehicle operators from vehicle registration fees. (Introduced 2/15/05)	Assembly	
AB 452 (Yee) State Highway 1: Double Fine Zone	Designates a segment of State Highway Route 1 in San Francisco as a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone and subjects it to provisions requiring increased fines for certain traffic violations in Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zones. (Introduced 2/15/05)	Assembly	
AB 453 (Benoit) Grade Separation Projects	Reduces the requirement that railroads contribute at least 10 percent of the cost of a grade separation project to 5 percent. Also lengthens the time period that local agencies have to demonstrate to the Department of Transportation that all prerequisites to awarding a contract for a grade separation project from one year to two years. (Introduced 2/15/05)	Assembly	
AB 462 (Tran) State Highway Facilities: Access to Disabled	Requires the Department of Transportation to certify projects to ensure access and use by persons with disabilities for all facilities located within the state highway system rights of way. (Introduced 2/15/05)	Assembly	
AB 508 (Richman) Caltrans Authority for Design-Build	Authorizes the Department of Transportation to use the design-build procurement process for any of its state highway construction contracts. (Introduced 2/16/05)	Assembly	
AB 509 (Richman) HOT Lanes: Regional Transportation Agency Authority	Authorizes regional transportation agencies to enter into agreements to finance regional user-fee-based transportation projects, such as High-Occupancy/Toll Lanes. (Introduced 2/16/05)	Assembly	

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AB 540 (Liu) Caltrans Local Public Review Requirements	Requires the Department of Transportation, prior to finalizing design and commencing construction on a state highway project, including a project not requiring preparation of full-scale environmental documents, to first meet and confer with the governing body of the affected city or county, and to thereafter hold at least one public meeting at a time and place that is convenient for the community. (Introduced 2/16/05)	Assembly	
AB 691 (Hancock) Transit Village Districts	Authorizes a county or city to declare that a previously adopted specific plan or redevelopment plan that conforms to specified requirements constitutes a village transit plan. (Introduced 2/17/05)	Assembly	
AB 712 (Canciamilla) Land Use Density	Defines a lower residential density below which the city, county, or city and county would be required to make the specified written findings. (Introduced 2/17/05)	Assembly	
AB 713 (Torrico) High-Speed Rail Bond Measure: November 2008	Provides for submission of the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century to the voters for approval at the November 4, 2008 general election rather than in the November 2006 general election. (Introduced 2/17/05)	Assembly	
AB 714 (Torrico)	Expresses the Legislature's intent to enact legislation to develop public/private partnerships to promote the construction and operation of a high-speed passenger train system in this state. (Introduced 2/17/05)	Assembly	
AB 732 (Leslie) Economic Development: "Renewal Communities"	Enacts the California Neighborhood Initiative that would require the governor to designate an agency that would designate, and annually recertify, 25 renewal communities within the state from nominations to be submitted by nonprofit organizations. These communities would be eligible for specified state benefits, including brownfield reclamation benefits, tax breaks, and risk-based hazardous substance cleanup authority. (Introduced 2/17/05)	Assembly	

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AB 850 (Canciamilla) Toll Road Agreements	Authorizes the Department of Transportation to enter into comprehensive development franchise agreements with public and private entities or consortia for the following types of transportation projects: (1) shared high-occupancy vehicle lanes where carpool vehicles are granted free passage; (2) truck-only lanes; (3) mixed-flow toll and free lanes; (4) toll lanes for all vehicles other than high-occupancy vehicles. Authorizes tolls to be collected after the termination of a franchise agreement period. (Introduced 2/18/05)	Assembly	
AB 936 (Wyland) Transportation Fuels: Supply	Establishes until 2010 the Office of Special Counsel on Transportation Fuels Policies in the governor's office. Requires the special counsel to undertake certain duties relating to developing transportation fuels policy, promoting energy conservation, promoting competition in transportation fuel supply, and seeking adequate and diverse fuels supplies. (Introduced 2/18/05)	Assembly	
AB 939 (Mullin) San Mateo County Housing Development: BART	Expands the area where an eligible housing development may be located to include within a half-mile of Bay Area Rapid Transit District stations located in San Mateo County, and within a half-mile of that portion of El Camino Real in San Mateo County. (Introduced 2/18/05)	Assembly	
AB 948 (Oropeza) Design-Build: Transit Agencies	Specifies that a transit operator is required to establish a labor compliance program only for a design-build contract and only if the transit operator does not already have a labor compliance program. Changes the prohibition regarding design-build rail projects to instead prohibit a transit operator from utilizing the design-build method of procurement for a capital maintenance or capacity-enhancing rail project, unless that project costs more than \$3,000,000. (Introduced 2/18/05)	Assembly	
AB 1010 (Oropeza) Grade Crossing Oversight: Caltrans	Authorizes the Department of Transportation to regulate safety procedures and equipment for any public transit guideway planned, acquired or constructed after January 1, 1979. Further provides Caltrans with jurisdiction over at-grade or grade-separated crossing of streets by rail transit services. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	

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AB 1020 (Hancock) Metropolitan Planning: Smart Growth Models	Requires certain metropolitan planning organizations, including the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, to develop and implement improved regional travel models incorporating smart growth concepts and to undertake other related planning activities. Requires all transportation models used by state or regional agencies to be usable on personal computers and to be made available to the public. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	
AB 1157 (Frommer) Interregional Transportation Improvement Program	Provides that the 60 percent of funds in the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program shall be spent outside an urbanized area with a population of 60,000 or more, rather than 50,000, as provided under current law. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	
AB 1170 (Canciamilla) BART: Joint Use Authority	Authorizes the Bay Area Rapid Transit District to enter into agreements for joint use of any property and rights by BART, and any city, public agency, or public utility operating transit facilities for various purposes. Authorizes cooperation in that regard between BART and a county. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	
AB 1173 (Tran) California High Speed Rail Terminus: Anaheim	Provides that Anaheim would be the southern terminus of the initial segment of the California high-speed rail system. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	
AB 1203 (Mullin) Housing: Regional Job Growth	Authorizes local governments to create "Greyfield" housing and investments zones in areas where additional job growth and high density housing is desired to match transportation, air quality, and other regional priorities. Provides that the created zones shall have tax increment authority, access to transportation funds, future infrastructure improvement funds, and affordable housing funds. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	
AB 1205 (Blakeslee) Development Project Fees: Protests	Authorizes any party to file a protest to the imposition of any fees on a developmental project by a local agency pursuant to specified procedures within 180 days after the delivery of a written notice by the local agency. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	

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AB 1259 (Daucher) Property Tax Revenue Allocations: Reward	Declares the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would reward cities and counties that exceed 80 percent of their Regional Housing Need Assessment (RHNA) goals over a 5-year period with an increased share of the annual tax increment that is allocated among local agencies in a county. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	
AB 1266 (Niello) Design-Sequencing Contracts	Expands the Department of Transportation's authority to award contracts using the design-sequencing contract method for any public works projects. Eliminates the sunset year and restriction on the number of projects. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	
AB 1276 (Oropeza) Intermodal Corridors of Economic Significance	Requires the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with regional transportation planning agencies, to establish a task force to develop a strategy for avoiding congestion along the state's intermodal corridors of economic significance, and to develop and apply freight-oriented performance measures on those corridors. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	
AB 1283 (DeVore) State Highways: Reversible Lanes	Requires the Department of Transportation, prior to adding conventional mixed-flow or high-occupancy vehicle lanes to state highways, to conduct a study of the feasibility of adding one or more reversible lanes separated by concrete barriers from other traffic. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	
AB 1387 (Jones) CEQA: Residential Infill Projects	Provides that if a residential project located on an infill site in an urbanized area is in compliance with the traffic and transportation policies in the general plan or zoning ordinance of the local government, a public agency is not required to make findings that the traffic impacts of the project have been mitigated prior to approving the project. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	
AB 1406 (Karnette) Ports and Harbors: Freight Security Fee	Imposes a fee of \$10 per freight container on every container processed through a port or harbor in the state. Requires the terminal operator to transmit the fees on a monthly basis to the State Office of Homeland Security for deposit in the Port Security and Safety Fund, which the bill would create. Provides that the funds shall be used for security improvements to the state's ports and harbors, and a freight security grant program that would be established by January 1, 2007. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	

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AB 1699 (Frommer) Design-Build – Limited Authority	States the intent of the Legislature to authorize Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, and other transportation agencies outside the San Francisco Bay Area, to use a design-build process for bidding on one highway construction project within the jurisdiction of the applicable transportation authority. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	
AB 1714 (Plescia) Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program: Revised Cost Estimates	Revises the estimated cost of the state-owned toll bridge seismic retrofit and replacement program from \$4.6 billion to \$7.1 billion, including \$4.8 billion for the replacement of the east span of the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge and revised amounts for certain other toll bridges. Identifies \$300 million in state funds from various sources to fund the demolition costs of the replaced span of the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge. Provides that the remainder of the cost of the project shall be borne by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission through a set of options, including any existing state and federal funds, a new bridge toll, or redirecting Regional Measure 2 toll revenues. Provides that MTC may implement new tolls using a variable pricing strategy, subject to Caltrans' approval. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Assembly	
ACA 4 (Plescia) Proposition 42: Removal of Suspension Provision	Proposes a Constitutional Amendment to Proposition 42 to delete the provision authorizing the governor and the Legislature to suspend the transfer of revenues from the General Fund to the Transportation Investment Fund for a fiscal year during a fiscal emergency. (Introduced 12/6/04)	Assembly	
ACA 4X (Keene) Governor's Budgetary Reform Package; Proposition 42	Requires across-the-board reductions in General Fund expenditures in any year in which the Legislature fails to pass, within 30-45 days, a bill to address a \$250 million deficit. Removes the suspension provision in Proposition 42 after FY 2007-08. Provides that any Proposition 42 revenues that were suspended prior to FY 2007-08 shall be fully repaid by January 30, 2022 in annual increments not less than 1/15 of the total. (Amended 2/24/05)	Assembly	

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ACA 7 (Nation) Vote Threshold for Local Sales Tax Measures	Proposes a Constitutional Amendment to change the two-thirds voter-approval requirement for special taxes to instead authorize a city, county, or special district to impose a special tax with the approval of 55 percent of its voters voting on the tax. (Introduced 12/6/04)	Assembly	
ACA 9 (Bogh) Proposition 42: 4/5 Vote Requirement for Suspension	Proposes a Constitutional Amendment to Proposition 42 to change the suspension requirement from two-thirds of the members of each house to four-fifths. (Introduced 1/24/05)	Assembly	
ACA 10 (Nunez) Proposition 42: Technical Amendment	Proposes a technical change to Proposition 42 – spot bill. (Introduced 2/15/05)	Assembly	
ACA 11 (Oropeza) Proposition 42: Interest Requirement for Loans; Removal of Suspension Provision	Proposes a constitutional amendment that requires interest to be paid on a loan of revenues subject to either Article XIX (State Highway Account) or XIX A (Proposition 42) if the loan is not repaid during the same fiscal year in which it was made. Deletes the provisions authorizing the transfer of revenues from General Fund to the Transportation Investment Fund. Authorizes the Legislature to loan funds in the Transportation Investment Fund to the General Fund or any other state fund or account. (Introduced 2/15/05)	Assembly	

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SB 3 (Torlakson) Safety Enhancement: Double Fine Zone	Designates a segment of Vasco Road between Interstate 580 in Alameda County and the Walnut Boulevard intersection in Contra Costa County as a Safety Enhancement Double Fine Zone, upon approval of county resolutions. (Introduced 12/6/04)	Senate	
SB 20 (Escutia) Low Cost Auto Insurance Program	Eliminates the 2007 sunset date for the low-cost automobile insurance program in San Francisco and Los Angeles Counties. Beginning on April 1, 2006, expands the program to the Counties of Alameda, Fresno, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego. Requires the insurance commissioner to establish the annual rate offered initially under these programs, and to adopt regulations to implement programs to these counties. (Introduced 12/6/04)	Senate	
SB 44 (Kehoe) General Plan: Air Quality Element	Requires each local jurisdiction to amend its general plan to include data and analysis, comprehensive goals, policies and implementation strategies to improve air quality no later from one year from the date specified for the next revision of its housing element. Requires that the jurisdiction send a copy of the draft amendment to the appropriate air quality management district for review and comment. (Amended 2/23/05)	Senate Local Government Committee	
SB 172 (Torlakson) Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Reporting Requirements	Requires that toll bridge seismic retrofit reports be submitted within 45 days after the end of each quarter and include a summary to the budget status for support and capital outlay construction costs. Requires the Department of Transportation to take specified actions to manage the risks associated with the projects. (Introduced 2/9/05)	Senate	
SB 208 (Alquist) Transportation Projects: Electronic Fund Transfer	Requires the Department of Transportation to implement systems that allow rapid access to funds made available under fund transfer agreements to regional or local agencies on or before June 30, 2006, and requires the Controller to develop a system that provides access to those funds by electronic transfer. (Introduced 2/9/05)	Senate	

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SB 223 (Torlakson) Revolving Loan Program: Specific Plans	Establishes the Specific Plan Revolving Loan Program for the purpose of providing loans to cities and counties to adopt specific plans or equivalent planning documents that provide for additional infill housing opportunities. Requires, as a condition of loan eligibility, that a specific plan or equivalent land use plan meet criteria, including that it cover an area that is predominantly urbanized and served by public transportation and that it allow for the development of at least 200 new housing units. (Introduced 2/15/05)	Senate	
SB 238 (Migden) Golden Gate Bridge: Safety Double Fine Zone	Designates the Golden Gate Bridge as a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone, upon approval of a resolution designating it as such by the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, and imposes an increased penalty for certain traffic violations committed on the bridge. (Introduced 2/15/05)	Senate	
SB 253 (Torlakson) Council of Governments: Fee Authority	Authorizes a council of governments to charge a fee for determining shares of the existing and projected regional housing need for cities, counties, and subregions at all income levels and for subsequent revisions of specified housing elements. (Introduced 2/15/05)	Senate	
SB 275 (Torlakson) Ten-Year Transportation Needs Assessment	Requires the California Transportation Commission working with the Department of Transportation and regional transportation planning agencies to submit before June 30, 2006, a 10-year needs assessment to the Legislature on the state's transportation system. (Introduced 2/16/05)	Senate	
SB 324 (McClintock) Transportation Gridlock: Declaration of Emergency	Includes a transportation gridlock emergency within the definition of a state of emergency. Requires the Department of Transportation to prepare and submit an annual report to the governor and the Legislature that includes a list of state highways, in ranking order, based on the average daily vehicle hours of delay, excluding weekends, for the highway. (Introduced 2/16/05)	Senate	

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SB 335 (Maldonado) General Aviation Airport Funding: General Fund	Provides for an annual General Fund appropriation, from 2005 to 2009 inclusive, for expenditure by the Department of Transportation as grants to publicly owned general aviation airports for security, safety, and capacity needs, as determined by the department. (Introduced 2/16/05)	Senate	
SB 371 (Torlakson) Design-Build: Five- Year Pilot	Authorizes, until January 1, 2011, certain state and local transportation entities to use a design-build process for bidding on highway, bridge or tunnel projects. (Introduced 2/17/05)	Senate	
SB 427 (Hollingsworth) CEQA Exemption: Transportation Projects on Existing ROW	Exempts from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) report requirements the construction of any overpass, on-ramp, or off-ramp that is built on an existing State Department of Transportation right-of-way. (Introduced 2/17/05)	Senate	
SB 466 (Kuehl) Mobile Photo Radar Enforcement System	Permits cities and counties, in cooperation with a local law enforcement agency, to use a mobile photo radar enforcement system if its operation is used only for purposes of enforcing certain speed laws. (Introduced 2/18/05)	Senate	
SB 471 (Escutia) Brownfield Redevelopment: Expedited Review and Clean-up	Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would add specific requirements necessary to expedite the restoration and reuse of abandoned and underutilized properties with real or perceived environmental contamination. (Introduced 2/18/05)	Senate	
SB 519 (McClintock) High-Occupancy Vehicle Lane Study	Requests the University of California to conduct a study in consultation with the Department of Transportation on the efficacy of high-occupancy vehicle lanes. The study, due to the Legislature by January 1, 2007, must include an evaluation of the most efficient choice for each lane studied among the HOV lane alternative, the mixed-flow lane alternative, the high-occupancy toll lane alternative and the no-build alternative. (Introduced 2/18/05)	Senate	

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SB 521 (Torlakson) Transit Village Development Districts	Requires that the mix of housing types in a transit village development district be on parcels of which at least a portion is within not more than a quarter-mile of the exterior boundary of the parcel on which the transit station is located. Requires a city or county to allow use by right on each parcel within a transit village development district. (Introduced 2/18/05)	Senate	
SB 523 (Torlakson) Bicycle Transportation Account Funding	Changes the amount to be transferred monthly from the Highway Users Tax Account to the Bicycle Transportation Account, after June 30, 2006, from \$416,667 to an unspecified amount. (Introduced 2/18/05)	Senate	
SB 561 (Runner) Toll Roads: Removal of Sunset and Limit on Number of Projects	Removes the deadline for the Department of Transportation to enter into agreements for privately financed toll-road projects and deletes the limit on the number of authorized projects. (Introduced 2/18/05)	Senate	
SB 575 (Torlakson) Affordable Housing	Revises the conditions upon which a local agency may disapprove or conditionally approve affordable housing projects. Authorizes the court to vacate the decision of a local agency and direct the local agency to issue any necessary approval or permit to the applicant, and to award damages to the housing developer, as appropriate. (Introduced 2/18/05)	Senate	
SB 601 (Soto) General Obligation Bond: Freight Movement and Traffic Congestion Relief	Declares the Legislature's intent to enact a general obligation bond measure in an unspecified amount to fund projects to facilitate freight movement, including construction of railroad highway grade separation projects and highway truck lanes. (Introduced 2/18/05)	Senate	

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SB 680 (Simitian) Santa Clara County Vehicle Registration Fees	Authorizes the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) board of directors, beginning on July 1, 2006, to impose (by a two-thirds vote) an annual fee of up to \$5 on each motor vehicle registered within Santa Clara County. The fee would terminate on July 1, 2014. Revenues generated by the fee would go towards a program of projects to be adopted by the VTA that would be based on street and highway improvement projects specified in the county's congestion management program and transit improvements specified in the Caltrain Joint Powers Board Rapid Rail Program. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Senate	
SB 681 (Simitian) Cell Phone Use: Restriction While Driving	Makes it an infraction to drive a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone, unless that telephone is designed and configured to allow hands-free listening and talking operation, and is used in that manner while driving. Provides that this prohibition does not apply to a person who is using the cellular telephone to contact a law enforcement agency or public safety entity for emergency purposes. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Senate	
SB 698 (Poochigian) School Bus Replacement	Declares that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission design and administer a clean fuel efficiency demonstration program and determine which local educational agencies are to receive replacement school buses for participation in the program. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Senate	
SB 705 (Runner) Design-Build: Caltrans	Authorizes the Department of Transportation to contract using the design-build process for the design and construction of transportation projects. Requires the Caltrans Director to establish a pre-qualification and selection process. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Senate	
SB 762 (Lowenthal) Intermodal Port Congestion	Creates the Oakland Area Intermodal Joint Powers Authority and the Log Angeles-Long Beach Area Intermodal Joint Powers Authority to oversee the functions of the Oakland Area Regional Intermodal Port Congestion and Environmental Quality Commission (OAIPC) and the Los Angeles-Long Beach Area Regional Intermodal Port Congestion and Environmental Quality Commission (LAIPC). Permits the OAIPC and LAIPC to grant motor carriers port permits for authority to enter a port for delivery of intermodal freight. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Senate	

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SB 832 (Perata) CEQA: Infill Development	Expands the size of projects that are exempt from CEQA, provided they are located in an infill site within a city with a population greater than 200,000. Specifically, exempts projects up to 10 acres with a maximum of 300 residential units, respectively, as determined by a resolution of the city council. (In the Bay Area, this includes the following cities: Fremont, Oakland, San Francisco, and San Jose.) (Introduced 2/22/05)	Senate	
SB 968 (Torlakson) Land Use Planning: General Plans	Requires the land use element of the general plan to identify sufficient land for housing at appropriate densities to accommodate the jurisdiction's housing needs through the end of the general plan's planning period. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Senate	
SB 987 (Migden) Sales Tax Expenditure Plans	Authorizes any of the nine Bay Area counties to spend a portion of its sales tax proceeds in another county if so provided in its county transportation expenditure plan. Authorizes the membership of the county transportation authority to be specified in the tax ordinance. Authorizes the authority to be the sponsoring agency for projects included in the expenditure plan. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Senate	
SB 1020 (Migden) Transportation Development Act: Local Authorization to Double	Authorizes a county or city and county to impose an additional one-quarter of 1 percent sales and use tax rate under the Bradley-Burns Law, i.e., the Transportation Development Act tax. Requires a county or city and county that imposes this additional rate to deposit such revenues into a local transportation fund. Provides that the voter-approval requirements for such a measure would be based on a specified provision of the California Constitution. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Senate	
SB 1024 (Perata) Seismic Retrofit Improvements: Bond Measure	Enacts the Essential Facilities Seismic Retrofit Bond Act of 2005 to authorize an unspecified amount in state general obligation bonds for the seismic retrofit of essential facilities throughout the state, including Bay Area toll bridges and hospitals throughout the state, subject to voter approval. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Senate	
SB 1025 (Perata) Proposition 42: Traffic Congestion Relief Fund	Deletes a section of law that provides for the phase out of the distribution of Proposition 42 funds from the Transportation Investment Fund to the Traffic Congestion Relief Fund. (Introduced 2/22/05)	Senate	

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SCA 7 (Torlakson) Proposition 42: Loans and Repayment Requirements	Requires any loan of motor vehicles fuel and vehicle-related revenues or trust funds, including the State Highway Account and Public Transportation Account, that is not repaid within the same fiscal year in which the loan was made, or by a date not more than 30 days after the enactment date of the Budget Bill for the subsequent fiscal year, to be repaid with interest at specified rate. Provides that a loan of these funds may also be made to other state funds or accounts under the conditions applicable to loans to the General Fund. (Introduced 2/15/05)	Senate	
SR 8 (Torlakson) Affordable Housing/Infill Development	Declares that the Senate places a high priority during the 2005-06 Regular Session on improving access to housing and reducing traffic congestion by promoting affordable housing, infill development, and other policies that allow people to live closer to their workplaces. (Introduced 1/11/05)	Senate Transportation and Housing Committee	

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H.R. 3 (Young) Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2005	Provides \$284 billion over six years for the reauthorization of the surface transportation program from FY2005-2010. (Introduced 2/9/05)	House	
H.R. 52 (Capito) Rail and Mass Transportation	Provides minimum penalties for those who commit terrorist attacks and other violence against railroad carriers and against mass transportation systems on land, on water, or through the air. (Introduced 1/4/05)	House Judiciary Committee	
H.R. 106 (Green) Neighborhood Rail Accountability Act	Provides that in determining whether to issue a certificate authorizing the construction of an additional railroad line, or the construction of an extension to any railroad line, the Surface Transportation Board shall give greater weight to local official statements and public comments in <i>opposition</i> to the proposed construction, especially with respect to construction in a residential area, if there is an unusually high level of such public opposition. (Introduced 1/4/05)	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	
H.R. 153 (Menendez) Rail and Public Transportation Security	Requires the Department of Homeland Security to work with the Department of Transportation to conduct risk assessments of public transportation infrastructure. Provides specified amounts to Amtrak services operating on the East Coast. Authorizes additional anti-terrorism grants from the Department of Homeland Security for transit agencies, consistent with Federal Transit Agency assessments on risk. (Introduced 1/4/05)	Multiple committees	
H.R. 168 (Millender-McDonald) Freight Transportation Gateways	Provides \$3 billion in annual funding for a goods movement program to be developed by the Secretary. Of this amount, \$1.5 billion would be provided for unspecified Projects of National Significance to improve the productivity, security, and safety of freight transportation gateways, while mitigating congestion and community impacts in the area of such gateways. Eligible projects would include intermodal freight transportation projects that provide community and highway benefits by addressing economic, congestion, security, and safety. Environmental mitigation associated with freight transportation corridors and gateways would also be eligible for funding. (Introduced 1/4/05)	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	

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H.R. 173 (Millender-McDonald) Port Security	Increases the sentencing requirements for those guilty of a crime committed at a seaport or aboard a vessel. Provides for increased reporting and consolidation of information on port-related crimes. (Introduced 1/4/05)	Multiple committees	
H.R. 280 (Miller) Brownfield Redevelopment	Facilitates the ability of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist with the cleanup and economic redevelopment of brownfields. (Introduced 1/6/05)	House Financial Services Committee	
H.R. 444 (Issa) High-Occupancy-Vehicle Lanes: Hybrid Vehicle Access	Provides that, until December 31, 2010, a state may permit a hybrid vehicle to drive in a high-occupancy vehicle lane, regardless of the number of occupants in the vehicle, if the state establishes requirements for identifying such vehicles. Defines a hybrid vehicle as those vehicles that have been certified by the Environmental Protection Agency to have a 45-mile-per-gallon or greater fuel economy rating or which meet any additional requirements or conditions that the state establishes. (Introduced 2/1/05)	House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	
H.R. 478 (Millender-McDonald) Seaport Security	Authorizes \$800 million in grants to be issued annually by the Department of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, for FY 2006 through 2010. Requires that the federal funds constitute no more than 75 percent of the total cost, except for projects below \$25,000. (Introduced 2/1/05)	House Homeland Security Committee	
H.R. 705 (Gilchrest) Fuel Efficiency Standards: Light Trucks	Amends title 49, United States Code, to require phased increases in the fuel efficiency standards applicable to light trucks; to require fuel economy standards for automobiles up to 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight; to increase the fuel economy of the Federal fleet of vehicles, and for other purposes. (Introduced 2/9/05)	Multiple committees	
H.R. 807 (Blumenauer) Transportation Fringe Benefit: Bicycle Commuters	Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the transportation fringe benefit to bicycle commuters. (Introduced 2/15/05)	House Ways and Means Committee	

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S. 95 (Lautenberg) Truck Trailer Length and Weight Restrictions	Restricts the length of truck trailers to 53 feet and provides that any interstate weight limit that applies to vehicles and combinations (other than longer combination vehicles) operating on the Interstate System shall also apply to vehicles and combinations operating on non-Interstate segments of the National Highway System unless such segments are subject to lower state limits. (Introduced 1/24/05)	Senate Environment and Public Works	
S. 104 (Talent) Tax Exempt Financing: Highway and Rail Projects	Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax-exempt financing of highway projects and rail - truck transfer facilities. (Introduced 1/24/05)	Senate Finance Committee	
S. 129 (Talent) HOV Lanes: Hybrid Vehicle Access	Provides that a state agency may allow vehicles that are certified as low emission vehicles, as defined, to use high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lanes without the requisite number of occupants if the state imposes restrictions as necessary to ensure that neither the individual lanes nor the entire HOV system are seriously degraded. (Introduced 1/24/05)	Senate Finance Committee	
S. 197 (Boxer) Grade Crossings: Safety and Congestion Relief	For FY 2006 through FY 2010, provides an unspecified amount of funds for a grant program, to be awarded by the Secretary of Transportation, for state and local governments to construct tunnels, bridges and other means of separating rail tracks and roads. Requires that the Secretary of Transportation conduct a study on the impact of blocked grade crossings on the operation of emergency vehicles. (Introduced 1/26/05)	Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee	
S. 230 (Schumer) Railroad Safety	Requires that the Secretary of Transportation conduct a comprehensive review of all highway-rail grade crossings in the United States to determine, among other matters, whether any of them should be closed. On the basis of this review, requires that the Secretary compile, maintain, and submit to Congress a list of the 10,000 highway-rail grade crossings most in need of safety improvements, and create a database of such crossings. Provides that any public agency that prevents the Administration from making these improvements shall be subject to withholding of funds from the Highway Trust Fund in specified amounts. (Introduced 2/1/05)	Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee	

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S. 248 (DeMint) Road Safety Projects: Local Road Eligibility	A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to permit states to carry out surface transportation program projects on local roads to address safety concerns. (Introduced 2/1/05)	Senate Environment and Public Works Committee	

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2005-06 Regular Session Calendar

<p>January 2005</p> <p>1 Statutes take effect</p> <p>3 Legislature reconvenes</p> <p>5 Governor's State of the State Address</p> <p>10 Budget must be submitted by Governor</p> <p>21 Last day to submit bill requests to Office of Legislative Counsel</p>	<p>July</p> <p>1 Until Budget is passed by both houses – No policy committees may meet for any purpose</p> <p>15 Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills</p> <p>15 Summer Recess begins at the end of this day's session if Budget Bill has been enacted</p>
<p>February</p> <p>18 Last day to introduce bills</p>	<p>August</p> <p>15 Legislature reconvenes</p> <p>26 Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet and report bills to the Floor</p> <p>29 Through Sept. 9 – Floor session only. No committees, other than conference committees and Rules Committee, may meet for any purpose</p>
<p>March</p> <p>17 Spring Recess begins at the end of this day's session</p> <p>29 Legislature reconvenes</p>	<p>September</p> <p>2 Last day to amend bills on the Floor</p> <p>9 Last day for each house to pass bills</p> <p>9 Interim Study Recess begins at the end of this day's session</p>
<p>April</p> <p>22 Last day for policy committees to hear and report Fiscal Committees fiscal bills introduced in their house</p> <p>29 Last day for policy committees to hear and report non-fiscal bills introduced in their house to Floor</p>	<p>October</p> <p>9 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 9 and in his possession on or after September 14</p>
<p>May</p> <p>13 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to May 31</p> <p>20 Last day for Fiscal Committee to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house</p> <p>20 Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet prior to May 31</p> <p>23 Through May 27 – Floor session only. No Committee may meet for any purpose</p> <p>27 Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin</p> <p>31 Committee meetings may resume</p>	<p>November/December</p>
<p>June</p> <p>15 Budget must be passed by midnight</p>	<p>January 2006</p> <p>1 Statutes take effect</p> <p>4 Legislature reconvenes</p>

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January 4 Senate and House convene 17 Senate and House recess for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 20 Senate and House reconvene	July 4-8 Independence Day District Work Period 11 Senate and House reconvene
February 2 State of the Union address 12 Lincoln's Birthday 21-25 Presidents' Day Recess	August 1- Sept 2 Summer District work period
March 21- Apr 1 House and Senate not in session 27 Easter	September 5 Labor Day 6 Senate and House reconvene 30 Target Adjournment date for House
April 4 House and Senate reconvene 14-25 Spring District Work Period 24 Passover	October 1 New fiscal year 4 Rosh Hashanah Holiday 10 Columbus Day Holiday 13 Yom Kippur
May 2-6 Senate not in session 9 Senate reconvenes 30- June 3 Memorial Day Recess/District Work Period	November 8 Election Day 11 Veterans Day Holiday 24 Thanksgiving Holiday
June 6 Senate and House reconvene	December 25 Christmas Holiday 26 Hanukkah Holiday